

HA-1455

1927

Magness Garage
125 S. Main
Bel Air
Private

This hip-roofed rock-faced concrete block structure, built in 1927, is younger than most buildings on the Inventory, but it is an excellent example of post-World War I utilitarian architecture. The rock-faced concrete block seems not to have been much used in Bel Air until the 1920's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Magness Garage

AND/OR COMMON

Cary's Tire Warehouse**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

125 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Paige K. RichardsonTelephone #: 838-2010

STREET & NUMBER

Conowingo Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This rectangular utilitarian structure is on the east side of South Main Street at #125, in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Built of rock-faced cement blocks with plain cement block quoins at the corners, the building has a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. A wooden overhang covered with tarpaper and supported by seven wooden angle posts shades the south elevation. Two ventilators pierce the ends of the ridge, and an inside chimney with a plain cap rises in the west elevation just to the north of the entry. The structure is unevenly bayed and has a variety of windows. The majority of the windows are multi-pane steel framed with several panels in the middle that swing on an axis to open. Four of these windows in the south elevation are boarded up. The north two bays of the front (west) elevation are the service bays. The middle bay is occupied by a steel framed window. The entrance is between this window and a plate glass show window. The rear (east) elevation has a blocked entry. Since the lot slopes away to the east this door was served by a frame stoop.

The interior is divided into two spaces: to the Southeast a showroom 30' x 30', the rest is open space occupied by the service bays and storage racks.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1927

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This rock-faced concrete block building is a well-preserved example of the early 20th century utilitarian construction used for garages and filling stations in Bel Air, Harford, and Baltimore Counties, as well as around the nation. Several Bel Air buildings, smaller and less well cared-for, remain on the Pike between Main Street and the Tollgate Road. The material was also used for domestic construction. Several examples may be seen south along the Pike in Kingsville, Perry Hall, and Putty Hill. Apparently Bel Air regarded the material as too utilitarian for domestic use.

The land and a paint and hardware store and dwelling at the corner of Main Street and Churchville Road were part of the Bradford family's property. Governor Bradford's house was on the next north lot and was demolished in 1961 for a municipal parking lot. A store operated by . Herron occupied the property as early as 1842. The land was then owned by Otho Scott. The store was kept by Mr. Greenfield from 1867 until 1881 when he became a bookkeeper in the employ of Hanway and Rouse, who took over the store and sold hardware, machinery, lumber, and coal. The firm seems later to have been Hanway, Barnes, and McComas. This firm operated on into the 20th century. It is not certain that the storehouse on the lot during the pre-Civil War era was the same one on the lot when Albert Magness bought it in 1925. The 1878 map shows the structure as smaller than the 1904 insurance map has it. There is, however, no documentary evidence of a new storehouse being built. Probably it was expanded. Sometime before 1960 the store and dwelling were removed. During the time the Magness family owned the property they occupied the dwelling and ran a restaurant in the store. Magness built the present structure as a garage shortly after he bought the property for \$8,000 from J. Myrckle Wells in 1925 (193/379). Wells had purchased it from Lavinia Bradford and Ruskin B. Warren three months earlier (193/59). The garage may have been built in 1927 because the Magnesses mortgaged the property (204/442) to the Germantown Permanent Building Association in that year. In the midst of the Great Depression (1935) Magness defaulted on the mortgage and the property was sold at auction. No buyers appeared and the Building Association bought it in. The property was not sold again until 1947 when it went to Henry E. Lieske and Paige K. Richardson. In November 1949 Mr. Lieske's share was removed from ownership by a sale to Thomas H. R. O'Neill who sold it back the same day to Richardson (336/319). Lieske and Richardson owned Cary's.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat

Interview with Thomas R. Brookes, Jr., March 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #890 in the Town of Bel Air, 75' x 185'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

22 March 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1455

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

Carey's Tire Warehouse

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

Magness Garage

PRESENT USE: *Lease Tire Sales installation*

ORIGINAL USE: *Garage*

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ()

Good ()

Fair (☒)

Poor: ()

THEME: *Architecture*

STYLE: *Victorian*

DATE BUILT:

c 1925

COUNTY: *Harford*

TOWN: *Bel Air*

LOCATION: *125 S. Main St*

COMMON NAME:

Carey's Tire Warehouse

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *Commercial*

OWNER: *Paige K. Richardson*

ADDRESS: *Conowingo Rd.
Bel Air, Md. 21014*

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (☒) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (☒) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block (☒ *rock face*)
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block (☒ *rock face*)
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (☒) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds (☒) Ells ()
Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip (☒) Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: 1

Number of Bays: 4

Approximate Dimensions: 60' x 90'

Entrance Location: Main St

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration (☒)
Alteration () Other:

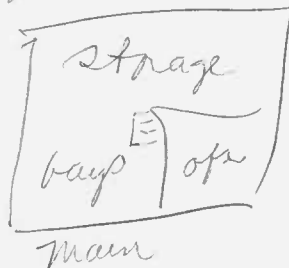
LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

N 2 bays for service - office S. 3 (Main St.)
 basement rented by somebody else Office in knotty pine
 asphalt tile on floor wooden floor with plywood over it



Storage down

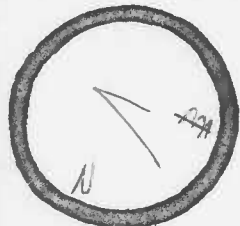
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

present of 5yr says stable many kinds of stores
 Maxwell Case he thinks it was built c 1850 - can't have been

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



125

Main

Churchville

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
 Residential() Commercial(☒)
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

RECORDED BY:

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:

M. Laro

Town of Bel Air

11 Apr 79

TITLE: Cary's Tire Warehouse

336/319 11 November 1949
Thomas H. R. O'Neill
 to
Paige K. Richardson & Edith, wife

336/318 11 November 1949
Henry E. Lieske and Mary, wife
and Paige K. Richardson and Edith, wife
 to
Thomas H. R. O'Neill

306/485 30 June 1947
Germantown Permanent Building Association
#2 and George Morgan, widower
 to
Henry E. Lieske and Paige K. Richardson

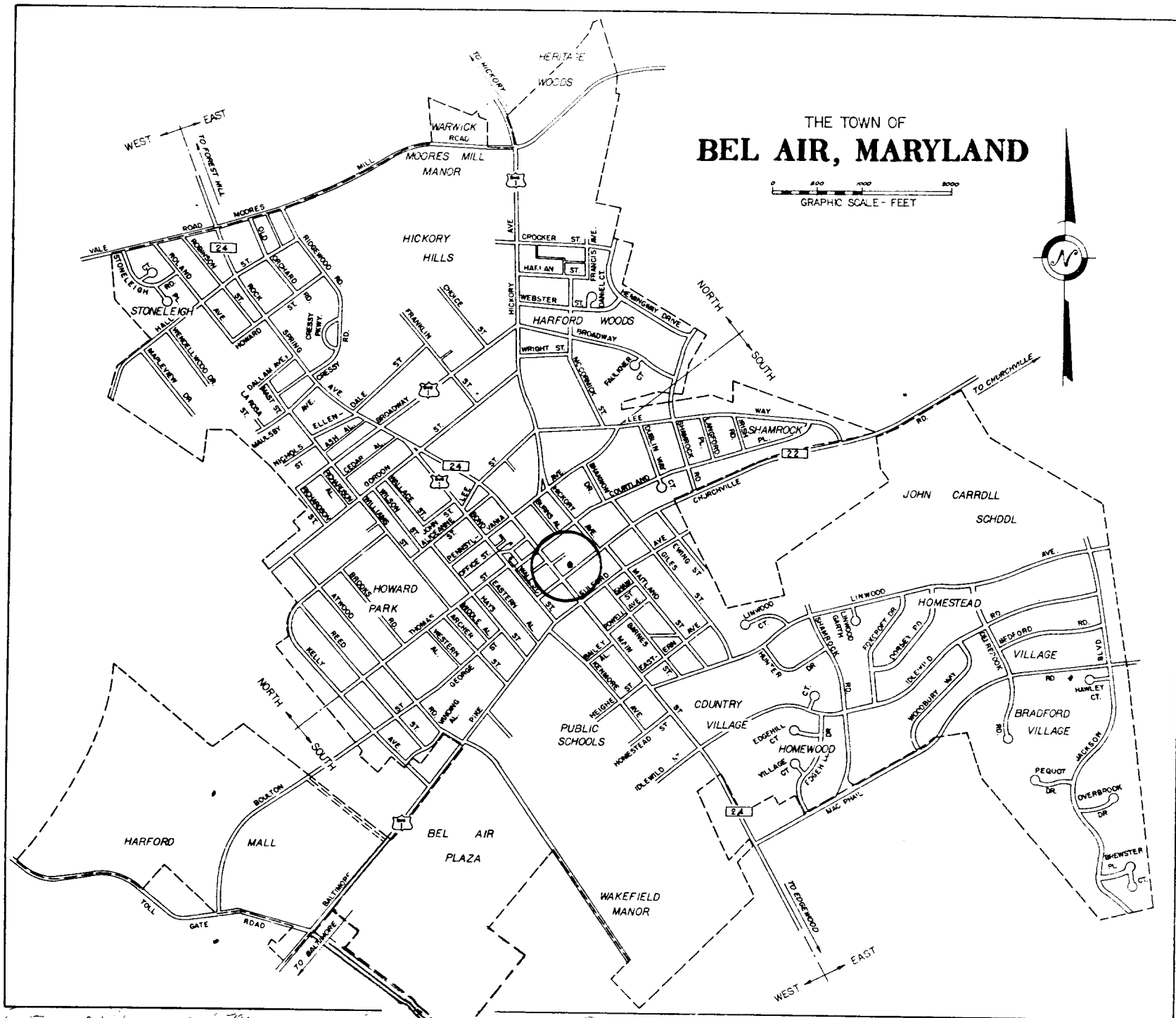
237/217 4 June 1935
Frederick J. Schlossteen, attorney
 to
Germantown Permanent Building Association
#2 a defaulted mortgage (1927, 204/442)
by Albert S. Magness and Bessie, wife
caused the property to be sold at auction.

193/379 23 July 1925
J. Myrckle Wills and Lydia, wife
 to
Albert S. Magness and Bessie, wife
\$ 8,000
94' x 220'
There was a store and residence on the corner.
The tire warehouse, then Mr. Magness's garage,
was built after this transaction.

193/59 11 April 1925
Lavinia Bradford and George, husband
Ruskin B. Warren and Hattie, wife
 to
J. Myrckle Wills and Lydia
72' x 240'

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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CAREY'S TIRE WARE HOUSE - 125 S. MAIN ST., BEL AIR

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W & S ELEVATIONS
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